

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery

Announcement of 2009 Annual Meeting

**AATS 89th Annual Meeting – Register at www.aats.org
May 9 – 13, 2009**

**Hynes Convention Center
Boston, Massachusetts, USA**

The AATS 89th Annual Meeting is fast approaching and promises to deliver a comprehensive educational experience for professionals in the field of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery. The complete scientific program and listing of renowned faculty will soon be available at www.aats.org.

Preliminary Agenda

Saturday, May 9, 2009

New Technologies and Procedures in Congenital and Acquired Heart Surgery Course

Chair: Raja M. Flores, M.D., Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Thoracic Developmental Skills Course

Chair: Mark Galantowicz, M.D., Nationwide Children's Hospital

Developing the Academic Surgeon Symposium

Chair: A. Marc Gillinov, M.D., Cleveland Clinic Foundation

Sunday, May 10, 2009

AATS/STS Postgraduate Symposia:

Adult Cardiac Surgery Symposium

Chairs: Michael A. Acker, M.D., University of Pennsylvania, Joseph E. Bavaria, M.D., University of Pennsylvania

General Thoracic Surgery Symposium

Chair: David H. Harpole, Jr., M.D., Duke University

Congenital Heart Disease Symposium

Chair: J. William Gaynor, M.D., Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

12th Annual C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum

Chairs: David H. Harpole, Jr., M.D., Duke University, Gus J. Vlahakes, M.D., Mass General Hospital

Monday, May 11, 2009

Plenary Scientific Session

Basic Science Lecture

Jonathan A. Epstein, M.D., University of Pennsylvania
Presidential Address

Thomas L. Spray, M.D., Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Simultaneous Scientific Sessions in Adult Cardiac Surgery, General Thoracic Surgery & Congenital Heart Disease

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Cardiac Surgery Forum

General Thoracic Surgery Forum

Plenary Scientific Session

Address by Honored Guest Lecturer Dr. Michio Kaku, City University of New York

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Attendee Reception at the Institute of Contemporary Art

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Emerging Technologies & Techniques Forum

Controversies in Cardiothoracic Surgery

Meeting Registration and Housing Accommodations

Attendees may conveniently register for the meeting and book hotel reservations simultaneously when registering online. Registration via mail, fax or phone is also available. Visit www.aats.org for more details or contact the AATS/Experient Customer Service Desk at (866) 229-2386 or (301) 694-5243 to register. **Take advantage of the early registration discount by registering before April 3, 2009.**

AATS will provide international attendees with an invitation letter to assist in applying for a U.S. visa. To obtain this document, please visit the AATS website and submit the request form online.

Target Audience

- Cardiothoracic Surgeons and Physicians in related specialties including Cardiothoracic Anesthesia, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Radiology, Gastroenterology and Thoracic Oncology
- Fellows and Residents in Cardiothoracic and General Surgical training programs
- Allied Health Professionals involved in the care of Cardiothoracic surgical patients
- Medical students with an interest in Cardiothoracic Surgery

Annual Meeting Accreditation

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*.

Summer Internship Applications Now Available

The AATS is now accepting applications for the 2009 Summer Intern Scholarship. The Summer Intern Scholarship program was established in 2007 to introduce the field of cardiothoracic surgery to **first and second year medical students** in North American medical